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#### PLEASE NOTICE.

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#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we want to say to our corres pondents that they must give us their real names if they expect us to publish their articles. We must have their names as a guarantee of good faith. And again, we must ask our friends-all-to condense what they have to say boil it down. We are anxious to give as great variety as possible to our readers, and to do this the articles should be short and to the point.

# THE CLAIM OF THE FARMERS

For the first time in a half century the farmers and business men of North Carolina present the name of a most excellent and most worthy gentleman for the high office of Governor of this Commonwealth. They present him squarely on his merits, as a representative of the great industrial interests of our people. They organize no booms, they manipulate no machinery, they pack no conventions, they resort to no secret or unseen methods to secure his nomination, nor will they do so to secure his election. A man of good education, of large experience, of a high order of intelligence, a good speaker, a splendid financier, a man of superb character as a gentleman and citizen, and whose record as a wise and just and fearless legislator is without blemish and a farmer who is thoroughly identified with this greatest and most important of all our interests, they present Capt. S. B. creasing the circulation of the paper, Alexander as their first choice for but we will relax no effort to prove Governor. They know him to be the true and unselfish friend of the people. They admire the manly consistency and the conservative yet progressive character of his record as a public servant. Across his forehead are written the words: "Not for sale."

They have had no representative in the Governor's chair from among their number for over fifty years. They have modestly withheld any claim to it. They have allowed others to do the choosing, and with a loyalty and devotion and unselfishness that was sublime, they have unfalteringly voted for others. Now they claim that they should select a man and that claim is going to be pressed with manly earnestness. For they are in earnest. They mean just what they say. And we rejoice to know that

the justice of the claim is being recognized throughout the State, and that with each recurring sun-set the chances of Capt. Alexander are growing brighter. There is a powerful undercurrent in public sentiment which is steadily and constantly growing stronger, in his favor.

There is also an unmistakable ad mission of his growing strength among those who are "moving heaven and earth" to defeat him as first choice, by a magnanimous offer to give him "the second place by acclamation." Capt. Alexander's friends do not believe that he should be asked to play "sec-

ond fiddle" to any one in this matter. We have naught to say of the other gentlemen whose names have been brought forward. And in all that we have said, we speak for the great body of farmers of the State. Not as Alli ance men, not as Grangers nor as members of Clubs, for in all these organizations, the members are left "as free as the winds" to exercise their own best judgment and will. The members of the Alliance will support no man for office simply because he is a member of the order, neither will they reject him for that reason. Their connection with the order in no way interferes with their allegiance to their party. They make no nominations, and will vote as they please.

#### TO THE FRIENDS OF THE PRO-GRESSIVE FARMER.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER started without patronage, or aid from any source. It was dependent entirely upon its own efforts and a generous appreciation of the farmers of the State. Apprehensuccess, and its failure was predicted by others. We were told that the farmers of North Carolina would not support a paper of their own. We believed they would, and inspired with that belief, we determined to demonstrate to the world that a farmers' paper could be made a success in North Carolina.

Now, after the lapse of two yearsyears which have been peculiarly hard on our farmers, where stands THE Progressive Farmer? An investiga tion of our books this morning shows that we have exactly doubled our subscription list since the first of December last, and that we have averaged 99 1-3 subscribers per week since the first of January. We know we are publishing "office secrets," and we would not do so but we feel that it is due the noble men throughout the whole State, whose deep interest in the paper and friendship for us, has been unwavering through all its struggles, should know that the paper has "passed the dead-line" and is now "come to stay."

We are gratified to know that i numbers among its friends, all classes of our people-merchants, mechanics, physicians, ministers, students, professors, lawyers, judges and farmers.

There are scores and hundreds of good friends throughout the State, whom we would be proud to meet and thank in person, for the kind and generous part they have taken in inourself worthy of their friendship, and to make the paper worthy of their endorsement and support.

We want no higher position than welcomed at the firesides of thousands of our good people and which is recognized as their friend, their ad-

vocate, their defender. Remember, friends, that we give the paper to clubs of five, or more, at one dollar a year. This very low price allows us no margin out of which to pay commissions. We give all the commissions, railroad and hotel and traveling expenses to our subscribers, and if each of those on our books would send us just one subscriber, we would then add four more pages to the paper. Can't you do it?

( Will the Secretaries of Alliances do us the great kindness to read the above in open Alliance?)

#### THE OXFORD RAILROAD CELE-BRATION.

The 18th inst. will be a memorable day in the history of Oxford. The occasion was the celebration of the completion of the Clarksville and Oxford Railroad. Six to seven thousand people were present; among them quite a number from Virginia. An imposing parade of military companies, of floats of various and attractive device, representing the prominent industries of the town and section, thousands of citizens, headed by splendid bands of music, opened the ceremonies. Speeches were made by Maj. N. A. Gregory, Judge Fowle, Gov. Scales, Gen. Peyton Wise and Maj. McPhail, of Virginia; W. B. Glenn, of Winston; J. S. Cunningham, of Person, and Hon. W. H. Kitchen, of Halifax. Granville spread herself—on the tables, and the thousands "did eat and were filled." All were cheerful and happy. The most perfect good order prevailed throughout. We did not see but one white man under the influence of liquor during the day. The press of Virginia and North Carolina was well represented.

Oxford now steps to the front and takes position among the very foremost of our enterprising and growthful towns. Seated in the midst of one of the finest agricultural sections of the South, and overlooking the A little over two years ago The fertile slopes and lovely plains on which is grown the finest tobacco of the world, she will yet win and wear the golden crown of the golden belt.

But we would admonish her for her own dear little sake, to speed the sion was felt by its friends as to its day when she will throw open the door of a good hotel for the comfort of her friends.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We bespeak the kind indulgence of our friends and correspondents. No office in the State, perhaps, is so crowded with work. The number of letters received run from twenty to fifty per day, relating chiefly to the Alliance work, and many of them require labor and care to be answered correctly. We have two first-class men associated with us to do the work of the office, and every day in the week, since the first of November, we have been found here from early morning till 10 o'clock at night. The order has grown so rapidly that since the first of March, we have recorded, on an average, seven Alliances per day. It requires rapid, constant and unremitting labor, and yet we are frequently days behind in answering correspondents. Every Alliance that is organized swells our list of correspondents and increases the work. We are giving all of our time-constant and undivided to the work, and will strive at all times to be as prompt as possible in our attention to correspondents. We feel that it is due to them and to ourself that we should make this statement. Be as patient as you can, friends, while we do our best to meet your demands upon us.

# PROF. HENRY E. SHEPHERD.

We see that this eminent son North Carolina has been invited to attend the National Educational Association of San Francisco, Cal. Why is it that the splendid ability, the to be the editor of a journal which is finished scholarship and the high character of this most worthy and high-toned North Carolinian is not appreciated at home? It is generously recognized and applauded in the great centers of learning and refinement outside of his native State. He is justly regarded as one of the foremost English scholars of the day. Not only is he a scholar, but his lofty nature stamps him a model gentleman and of the highest type. We knew him when he was a beardless boy, and noted his bearing in the camp, and we then predicted for him a brilliant future in the event he survived the war. He mercifully escaped a soldier's

grave, but he has not escaped that "cold neglect" of his people which has driven from our State thousands of her best and brightest sons. Again we ask, why is it that the talent and merit of this true and worthy and accomplished North Carolinain is not recognized at home?

# A LAWYER AND FARMER.

#### They Discuss "Gubernatorial Possibilities."

A few days ago we chanced to hear a lengthy conversation in a neighboring county between a clever lawyer and a farmer, in which the claims of their respective candidates for Governor were presented with earnestness, and we must say with more frankness than is usual in political discussions. The lawyer insisted with great earnestness that his candidate was pre-eminently the man for the position; that his superior qualifications entitled him to it, &c., but that Capt. Alexander, the farmers' candidate, should be put on the ticket for Lieut.-Governor. The farmer replied: "Well, you are badly mistaken

when you say that your man is the

strongest in this county. I know that

in the towns, the lawyers and the

town people are generally in favor of almost any one as against Capt. Alexander, and they seem to think the whole people are that way, but I know what I am talking about when I tell you that Capt. Alexander is strong in this county, and a long way ahead of any man who has been talked about. And as for putting him on for the second place on anybody's ticket; that's something the farmers of North Carolina will not listen to. We don't think that he would do well in playing tail to any man's kite, and we don't want him there; we want him for Governor, and we going to have him for that, or nothing. We have not had a farmer for Governor in fifty years. Why, just look at it! You have about 700 lawyers in the State and we have over 100,000 farmers. We pay the taxes the great bulk of them—we do the voting, we constitute the party, and yet this 100,000 men have for these fifty years never asked one of your 700 lawyers to vote for one of our men for Governor, but you have always, and every time, had one of your we have done it, faithfully and steadily. You know this, and we know it, and it does seem to us that when we come forward only once in a half century should be modest enough to stand burg, Col. Elias Carr, of Edgecombe, aside and say to us: 'You are entitled to the office of Governor and we will cheerfully do all we can to elect your man.' This is the view that we farmers take of it, and we are going to press the claim and stand by Capt. Alexander, first, last and all the time —not for any second place on anybody's ticket, but for the head of the ticket—for Governor—the place he ought to have, and the place we intend to give him. We know something about what is right and just. We know that our claim is just, it is right and we are not going to be bought off by any second place on the ticket. We know Capt. Alexander's record as a solid and fearless friend of the farmers and of all the people of the State, and some of you people are going to be the worst astonished you ever were in all your lives, if you think he is not strong among the people. No, sir, we want Alexander for our next Governor, and we are going to stand by him, and I know some of the best business men in this county who will go with us. If you could go around in the country and talk to the people, you would change your views about some things."

Knowing our farmer friend to be a representative man in his views, intelligent, level-headed and observant, we noted his views to give to the readers of The Progressive Farmer, believing that he spoke the sentiments of nineteen-twentieths of the farmers and business men of the State. And if the true sentiment of the people is expressed in the convention and at the ballot box, Capt. S. B. Alexander will be inaugurated Governor of North Carolina on the first of January, 1888.

Bro. Pickett is doing a splendid work in our cause, and the brethren all "fall in love" with him.

#### ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will ex-amine these pages.]

State Executive Committee.—Elias Carr, Old Sparter, N. C., Chairman; Thadeus Ivy, Ashpole, N. C.; J. S. Johnson, Ruffin, N. C.

Sampson county has about 30 Alliances and over 1,000 members.

Union county has doubled its membership during the past quarter.

Granville County Alliance holds a business meeting in Oxford to-day.

Ashpole Alliance, Robeson county, is No. 1 on the records of the State Alliance and was organized April 20th 1887.

There is no prescribed burial service in the Alliance. It is left to the judgement and wish of the Alliance as to what rites will be used, if any.

County Secretaries are respectfully requested to make their reports for the past quarter at as early day as practicable. Many of them are behind.

Bro. Matt Moore writes that he has organized Duplin County Alliance, and the officers are of first-class material. Bro. J. B. Oliver, of Mt. Olive, is Secretary.

Alliance State Constitutions and Rituals for sale to members of the order at this office, and price, 50 cents per dozen. All orders must come through the Secretary, with the seal of his office. Working Bulletins, 20 cents per dozen.

Bro. J. C. Parker of Maple Grove Alliance in Sampson says they organized in February with 10 members, now they number 36, and still going ahead. "Sampson has now 30 Alliances, all in fine spirit. Success to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the Alliance at all times and every where.

Many of the brethren put questions to Bro. Alexander and ask an answer through these columns. He will gladly attend to them, if the name and postoffice address are given to him. But a moment's reflection, will show that he ought not to answer, officially, the crowd ready for us to vote for, and | questions that are propounded by an anonymous writer.

No State Alliance can boast of a better Executive Committee, than that and present such a man as Alexander | of North Carolina. With such men -100,000 of us-that you 700 lawyers | as Capt. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklen-Thadeus Ivy, of Robeson, and J. S. Johnston of Rockingham, as his Executive Committee, we feel that we are in safe hands. No men in the State stand higher as to character, and they are all men of high order of intelligence and business capacity. The Alliance of our State is to be congratulated. With such men at the helm, there will be no such word as

> Every County and Subordinate Alliance should have a seal to use on all official documents, as a matter of selfprotection and for the protection of the order. It should be used only as the Alliance directs. It is absolutely indispensable in a proper conduct of our affairs, and especially in all our business relations. They can be had of the Bradley Manufacturing Co., Fort Worth, Texas, or of the Dallas Engraving Co., Dallas, Texas; both advertised in this paper. The seal will cost \$2.40 delivered at any express office in our State. Order your Secretary to write for it and send the name and number of your Alliance, plainly written.

### THE RICHMOND CO. ALLIANCE HAS AN EYE TO BUSINESS.

April 6, 1888. COL. L. L. POLR, SEC'Y N. C. S. A.: Dear Sir and Brother :- The following resolution was passed at a regular meeting of our County Alliance:

Resolved, That the Richmond County Farmers' Alliance request the State Alliance to take steps to establish a N. C. State Exchange, and that we recommend what is known in Texas as the Walker County Plan.

By order of Richmond County Alli-D. D. McIntyre, Sec'y. (We learn that the brethren of that county are ready to pay a liberal as-

sessment to put our Business System into operation.—ED.)